



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 22, 2006

**VIA FACSMILE TELECOPIER
AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Eric S. Brown, Esquire
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2550 M Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 5740
Nethercutt for Senate and Catherine Gernes,
in her official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in response to your letter dated May 19, 2006, which we received today, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the Federal Election Commission's finding that there is reason to believe that Nethercutt for Senate and Catherine Gernes, in her official capacity as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b). After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted a 15 day extension of time to respond. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on June 12, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Beth N. Mizuno".

Beth N. Mizuno
Attorney

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